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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0734

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, OCLR, US, ET, SU

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO OVERFLY SUDAN WITH US AMMUNITION  
FOR ETHIOPIA

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED LATE EVENING MARCH 24 FOLLOWING  
COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM SEABOARD WORLD AIRLINES, FRANKFURT,  
FRG:

QUOTE. SEABOARD WORLD AIRLINES PLANNING OPERATE SUBSERVICE  
FOR US AIR FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND, HILL AFB, UTAH, CARRYING  
18 PALLETS 90,000 (NINETY THOUSAND) LBS CLASS A AND C EXPLOSIVES  
CONSIGNED TO ETHIOPIAN PROVISIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT ADDIS  
ABABA. FLIGHT SAM 1253 MARCH 27 PLANNED ARRIVAL ADDIS 1500GMT  
AIRCRAFT DC8-63F REGISTRATION AMERICAN N8633SW. HAVE APPLIED  
FOR SUDAN OVERFLY RIGHTS WITH CIVILAIR AND HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY  
SUDAN CIVILAIR TO APPLY THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. APPRECIATE  
YOUR ASSISTANCE. (SIGNED) HECK, SEABOARD/FRANKFURT. UNQUOTE.

2. WE DOUBT THAT GOS, WHILE INVOLVED IN EFFORT MEDIATE  
BETWEEN TWO WARRING FACTIONS IN ETHIOPIA, WILL READILY GRANT  
OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION FOR PLANE CARRYING AMMUNITION TO ONE OF  
THEM. MOREOVER, WE WONDER WHETHER DEPARTMENT INTENDED  
HAVE AMMUNITION FLIGHTS OVERFLY SUDAN. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY NOT  
FAMILIAR WITH ROUTING FEASIBILITY PROBLEMS, IT WOULD APPEAR  
THAT WE MIGHT STAND BETTER CHANCE OF OBTAINING OVERFLIGHT  
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RIGHTS FOR US-ORIGIN FLIGHTS FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES SOUTH OF

SUDAN THAT NOT INVOLVED IN ETHIOPIAN CONFLICT AND THAT PROBABLY  
SUPPORT OPENLY EPMG ARMED EFFORT TO SUPPRESS REBELLION.  
ALTERNATIVELY, IF FLIGHT ORIGINATING IN EUROPE, PLANE COULD  
PRESUMABLY UTILIZE RED SEA ROUTE TO REACH ETHIOPIAN AIR SPACE.

3. IF DEPARTMENT NEVERTHELESS WISHES EMBASSY TO PROCEED WITH  
SEABOARD REQUEST VIA DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS, WE WILL NEED PROVIDE  
INFO ON ORIGIN AND DESTINATION, NATURE OF CARGO AND, PERHAPS,  
NAMES OF CREW. IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE  
FROM TEXT OF SEABOARD CABLE THAT GOS CIVIL AVIATION AND,  
PRESUMABLY, FOREIGN OFFICE ALREADY AWARE THAT PLANE CARRYING  
AMMUNITION TO ADDIS.

4. IT NOT LIKELY WE COULD ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING UNTIL MARCH 26,  
SINCE TODAY MAJOR NATIONAL HOLIDAY (MOHAMMED'S BIRTHDAY).  
PLEASE SEND REPLY NIACT IMMEDIATE.  
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